

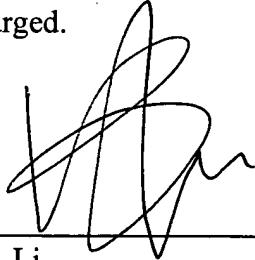
**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be entered before examination of the above-captioned application.

**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at the number listed below is respectfully urged.

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